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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant submits the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 for consideration during prosecution of the above-captioned patent application filed on 19 July 2000. Applicant hereby requests the Examiner to review and make an independent evaluation of the art.

This statement is made solely for the purpose of compliance with the above-identified rules and is not intended to be a substitute for an independent search by the Examiner and no representation of any such nature is made or intended by this statement.

In accordance with Section 1.97(b)(3), this statement is being submitted before the mailing of the first Office action of this application.

Also enclosed is a return postcard. Please date stamp and mail the postcard to acknowledge receipt of the above-mentioned correspondence.

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